



Interoffice Memo
Office of Design Policy & Support

DATE: 7/23/2021

FILE: P.I.# 0013611
Webster County / GDOT District 3 - Thomaston
SR 27 @ Kinchafoonee Creek & Overflow 1.5 MI W of Preston

FROM: *Dane Peters*
for R. Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer

TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: APPROVED DETOUR REPORT

Attached is the approved Detour Report with Notice of Detour Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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Detour Report

DATE: 6/24/2021

FILE: P.I.# 0013611
Webster County / GDOT District 3 - Thomaston
SR 27 @ Kinchafoonee Creek & Overflow 1.5 MI W of Preston

Bryan Williams
FROM: *for* Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

TO: R. Christopher Rudd, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer
Attn: Dave Peters, P.E., State Conceptual Design Group Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Detour Approval

Description and Project Proposal: This project would replace two existing bridges on SR 27 over Kinchafoonee Creek and Overflow 1.5 miles west of Preston. The length of the project is approximately 0.4 miles. The proposed bridge decks would be 43'-1" wide and include two 12' lanes, 8' shoulders, and 1.5' side barrier on each side.

The detoured section of SR 27 is approximately 8.7 miles and will be rerouted to a signed detour route utilizing SR 520 (9.3 miles) and SR 41 (9.0 miles) for motorists to reroute and continue travel on SR 27. The gross detour length is 19.3 miles and the net detour length is 9.6 miles. The estimated detour will be in place for approximately 6 months.

Concept Approval Date: The Concept Report was approved on October 16, 2017.

Reason a Detour is required: A widening of the existing bridges in place was not feasible due to the substructure condition. Maintaining the existing traffic in place while widening to the south would impact two additional culverts, have greater environmental, utility, and ROW impacts. This alternative would also cost a great deal more and take longer to construct.

Estimated Detour Construction: The detour is being proposed for approximately 6 months.

Existing Traffic: Traffic was approved by the GDOT Office of Planning March 24, 2017. For traffic: the current year (2017): 2050, the open year (2021): 2100, the design year (2041): 2300. The 24 HR T: 31.5%. The functional classification (Mainline) is Rural Principal Arterial.

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Detour Route: Office of Environmental Services NEPA Associate, Prue Benson, concurred that the proposed detour route was evaluated and cleared for environmental concerns on May 25, 2021.

Public Detour Meeting Results:

- Date: March 29, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm eastern time
- Location: Family Connection Center, 40 Cemetery Road, Preston, Georgia 31824
- A total of 31 people attended the Public Detour Open House (PDOH). Of the 31 attendees, 9 were public officials:
 - Randy Dely, Webster County Sheriff
 - David A. Scott, Webster County Commission
 - Steve Jubbard, Webster County Coroner
 - Tony Kennedy, Webster County Commission Chairman
 - Lina Blankenship, Webster County Fire Department
 - Jonah McCluster, Webster County Commission
 - Ronald Brown, Webster County Fire Department
 - Illegible Name, Webster County Fire Department Official
 - Amy Blankenship, Webster County Fire/Emergency Medical Services
- A total of 14 comments were received, 1 was in support of the project, 8 were opposed, 1 expressed conditional support, and 4 were uncommitted.
- The significant comments offered by persons attending the PDOH were concerns for the detour length and time, the effect of the detour on truck traffic at US 280 and State Route 41 intersection, the damage to local roads due to increased traffic, and the EMS response times and level of service due to the detour.
- As a result of the PDOH concerns, the proposed road closure period was shortened from 12 months to 6 months. Accelerated construction methods will be used to shorten the detour duration. Additionally, there will be temporary traffic control measures at the intersection of US 280 and State Route 41 to minimize impacts to truck traffic.
- A PDOH Response Letter was sent to commenters on August 16, 2018.

Recommendations: Recommend that the detour route for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

Concur:



GDOT Director of Engineering

7/12/2021

Date

Approve:

For _____
GDOT Chief Engineer

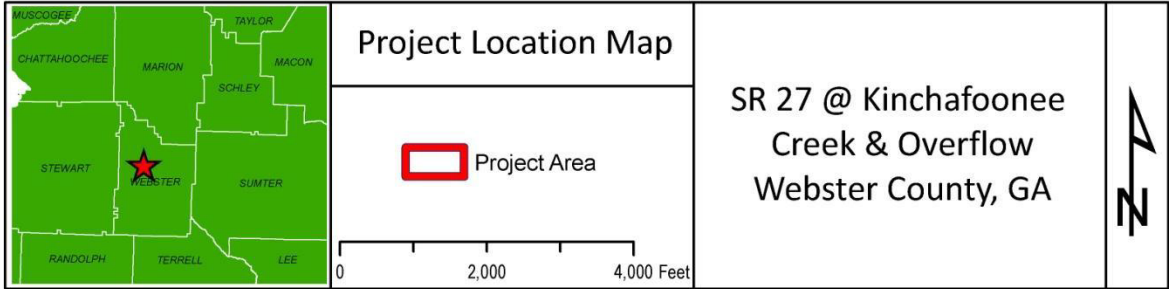
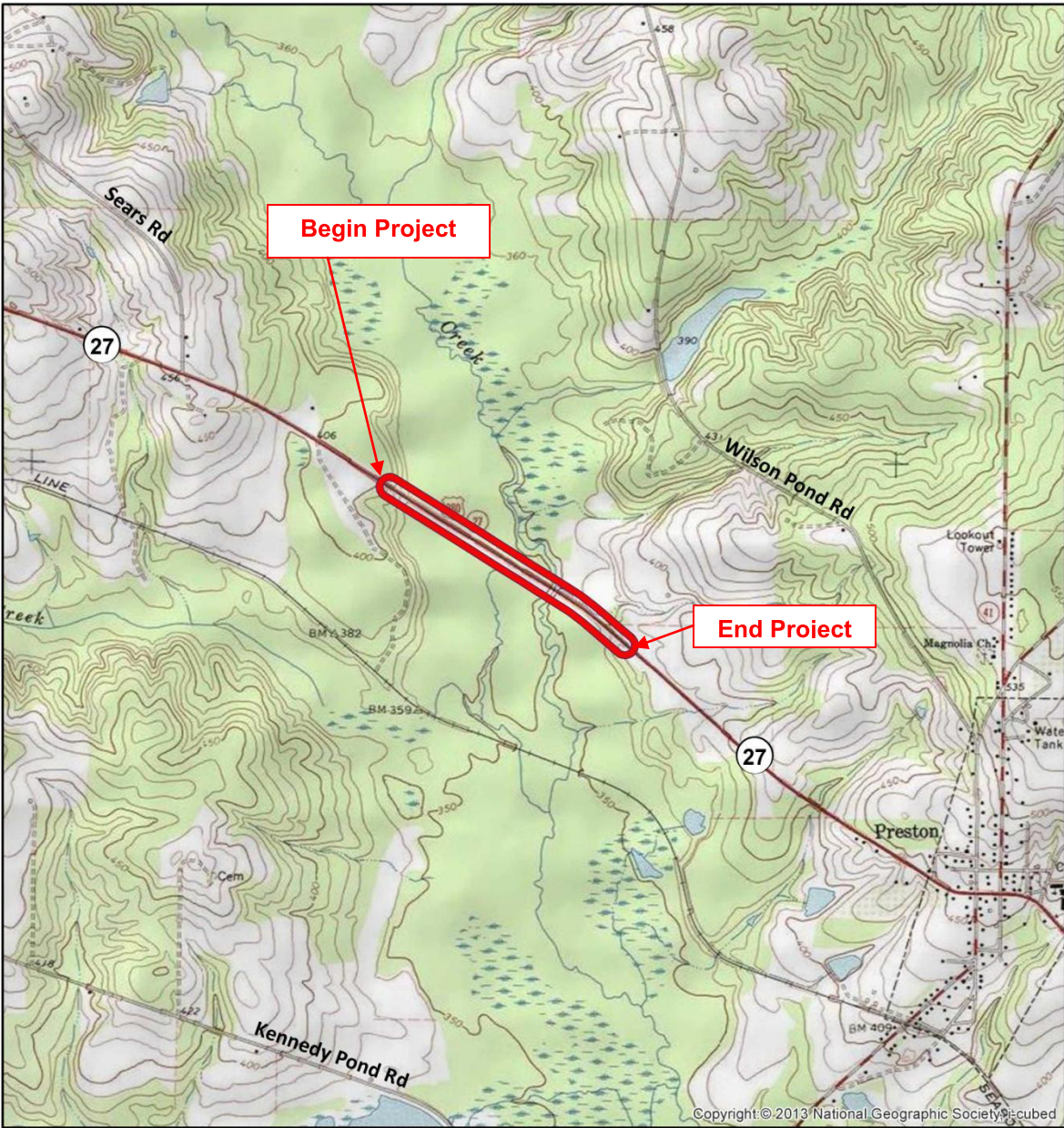
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Date

Attachments:

- Project Location Map
- Detour Route Map
- Detour Meeting Comment Cards and Transcript
- Email Concurrence from OES NEPA Analyst
- Notice of Detour Approval

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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PI#(s): 0013611, County: Webster, Date: 3/29/2018

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name JAMES A BELCHER
Address 55 BRANTLY DRIVE
ENFAMIL, AL 36027

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ Newspaper ☒ Signs ☐ GDOT Website ☐ Radio
☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Social Media ☐ Other _____

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☒ Yes ☐ No

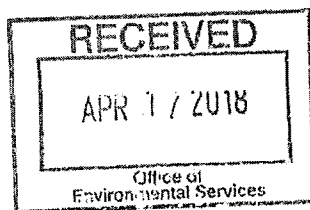
Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Mail to:
Mr. Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308



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Primary P1 #: 0013611
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NEPA analyst J. Allen
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Eco _____ Hist _____
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April 11, 2018

Mr. Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30308

Re: Comments on Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT): Detour Open House; PI#(s): 0013611, County: Webster, Date 3/29/2018

Dear Mr. Duff:

Interfor representatives attended the Public Detour Open House in Preston for the proposed State Route (SR) 27 Bridge replacements held on March 29, 2018. We are thankful that GDOT held the public meeting and for providing us with this opportunity to share our comments on the proposed project and detour.

Interfor is Georgia's largest lumber producer with seven sawmills located across the state. Our largest operation in the state is located in Webster county and where we find ourselves to be the county's largest employer. At the facility, we operate two shifts, we employ approximately 180 employees, and we have an annual payroll over \$12 million.

Interfor would like to express our support and appreciation for the proposed bridge replacement project. We view this as a significant investment towards improving rural infrastructure. Good roads, strong bridges and continued investment in rural infrastructure are what our business requires to safely and efficiently access timber and lumber markets. We are thankful that GDOT is placing a priority on improving the rural infrastructure in Webster county.

Our primary concern is around the traffic detour that is being proposed. The detour will impact our employees, our business and the Webster county community at large. Interfor has 50 employees who will be subject to the detour every day they report to work. Seven of these employees are in salaried management roles which often times requires them to travel to and from the mill multiple times per day.

Safety and traffic congestion are also a concern we have with the proposed detour. Farming traffic on Highway 41 south of Preston can be heavy during certain times of the year. Trucks transporting bauxite from west of Preston to a facility in Andersonville have a continual daily presence on this route as well. Our concern is that adding additional traffic to Highway 41 will increase overall congestion, especially at the intersection of

Highway 41 and SR 27 in downtown Preston. This intersection is difficult for tractor trailers to navigate. Trucks traveling north on Hwy 41 making the turn onto SR 27 East regularly cross over into oncoming west bound traffic. The increased truck traffic associated with the proposed detour creates a safety concern and should be studied closely to minimize hazardous travel patterns.

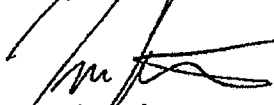
The detour will also create upset conditions in our supply chain – from log deliveries to residual and lumber shipments. Our industry's trucking and logistics sector is very complex and is facing pressure to remain competitive. Our Preston sawmill accepts over 1100 individual truck visits every week; 630 trucks of logs, 300 trucks of residuals and 200 trucks of lumber. We calculate 30%, or 340 trucks, will be subject to the detour. We fear that our suppliers/customers may be discouraged from delivering logs or taking residual or lumber shipments at our facility if the detour is put in force.

The additional costs to our business associated with the detour will be substantial. Additional freight expenses will be incurred by Interfor, our customers or our supply chain. We estimate that the detour for 12 months will add an additional \$750,000 of expense to our business.

In closing, we ask GDOT to closely explore all possible choices available before making the detour a final part of the SR 27 bridge replacement plan. Our team is willing and available to engage with GDOT officials for further discussion if needed.

On behalf of Interfor, thank you for accepting and considering our comments. We look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Lowrimore', written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

Tim Lowrimore
Public Affairs Manager

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Interfor - Preston Division (Tim Lowmore)
Address 378 Tolleson Rd
Preston, GA 31824

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ For

☐ Against

☒ Conditional

☐ Uncommitted

General Comments

We support the project, but we oppose the detour.
See attached letter.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ Newspaper ☒ Signs ☐ GDOT Website ☐ Radio

☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Social Media ☐ Other _____

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Thursday before Good Friday
was not convenient.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

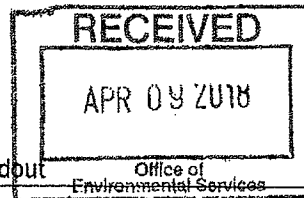
Avoid other community meetings and holidays.

Mail to:

Mr. Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

CommentReview
Comments Pending Responses for Project ID: 0013611
Open House Date: 03/29/2018

First Name: Greg Last Name: Britton
E-Mail: gregorybritton@bellsouth.net
Address: 88 B Bason Street
City: Richland State: GA Zip: 31825
Category: General
Comment: Can the department speed up the time on the contract. On the west side of the project, the emergency medical services is 20 miles away if there happens to be a need for those services. Time is critical. There maybe a need for a traffic lights at the intersection of SR 41 south and SR 27. This is especially important for the truck traffic. I was a the project manager on the previous project and it was a nightmare for those trucks and the local officers. What happened to the support of the area office. We normally support the open house in our area. Thanks



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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Peggy Scott
Address 5775 West Centerpoint Rd
Richland, GA 31825

Primary PI # 0013611
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NEPA analyst J. Allen
Recipient: _____
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Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ For ☒ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

General Comments Our road is a Webster County Road that has just been resurfaced after many years of needing it. All this truck traffic that you seem to think will go all the way to Weston will be taking this 'short cut' to Richland to hit 520. This will result on way more traffic on this county road & result in tearing it up again. Is the state going to be responsible for damages??

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☒ Word of Mouth ☐ Social Media ☐ Other _____

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Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

There was (NO) discussion - Just maps on the wall and told it was a 'done deal'

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Carol Dillard

Address 1130 Cemetery Rd
Preston GA 31824

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ For ☒ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

General Comments

209 trucks pose real danger at intersection of
HWY 280 + 41. Congestion in Town -
Ems Services slowed by county roads.

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☒ Word of Mouth ☐ Social Media ☐ Other

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If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you. 6 PM

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Wayne D. Nale

Address 1130 Combs Rd

Phanton, GA

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ For

☒ Against

☐ Conditional

☐ Uncommitted

General Comments

Very dangerous as you are proposing!!
alternate temp. bridge absolutely necessary

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☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

☐ Yes

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Public Meeting on 03/29/2018

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

ORIGINAL

DETOUR WEBSTER COUNTY
P.I. NUMBER 0013611

MARCH 29, 2018
4:30 TO 7:00 P.M.

FAMILY CONNECTION CENTER
40 CEMETERY ROAD
PRESTON, GEORGIA

MEREDITH B. COHEN, CCR-B-2093

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Public Meeting on 03/29/2018

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1 GERALD MCGLAUN - P.O. Box 777, Preston, ⑦
2 Georgia 31824; (229) 353-0373: I work for a hogging
3 outfit. We haul logs coming from around Lumpkin. It
4 will be 9 miles out of the way for us.

5 It will cost \$30.00 a load for us to haul
6 them logs. That's \$30.00 a load and in a week's time
7 it would be 40, 50 loads; you are talking about a lot
8 of money.

9 Also, it will take another 12, 15 minutes to
10 go around that way. That's the main concern, \$30.00 a
11 load, that it will cost. Like I said, we probably haul
12 8 to 10 loads a day. You are talking about 50 loads a
13 week. So 50 times 30 is \$1,500 a week or more.

14 Sometimes we haul wood to Cordele, and we
15 have to come that way, same amount of miles. Thank
16 you.

17 BONNIE WITT - 12280 Highway 280, Richland, ⑧
18 Georgia 31825; (229) 389-1987: I am against routing
19 the way they are talking about, going down through
20 there because Preston -- it would cause too much
21 congestion right here in this area.

22 We don't need it. Like I said, for the
23 loggers and our EMS service and everything, it would be
24 detrimental to all of it.

25 I am very much against it. I don't know why

1 they can't use that bridge that is there and replace it
2 with a new one right beside it -- the bridge on Highway
3 280.

4 WILLIAM DARRELL HOLBROOK - 349 Ponders Mill ⑨
5 Road, Richland, Georgia 31825; (229) 317-1682:

6 I am EMS director of Webster County. My
7 concerns or thoughts are with the lake. We will have
8 EMS responding to some of the affected areas that are
9 within the 7.3 miles beyond the bridge.

10 With the statistics I have, we have automatic
11 aid agreements with Stewart County, EMS. They have
12 ambulance agreements the city of Richland and an
13 ambulance in the city of Lumpkin.

14 Our normal operations, if we receive aid from
15 Stewart County, they transport a patient, we have to
16 pay that.

17 If we have this shut down with all those
18 patients, with the travel time, it will be increased by
19 the ambulance request aid, and will be a financial
20 burden to my county. We have a certain amount of money
21 budgeted for that.

22 I have statistics. Just so you have 2016, we
23 have 348 calls; 48 of those calls went beyond the work
24 site. And 22 of that 48 was in Stewart County.

25 During that time frame, we received 13 calls

1 from Stewart County, so they had to travel down that
2 same stretch of road to get to Preston.

3 What I am looking at is the delay from
4 Stewart County coming to Preston, and the delay for us
5 having to go to Richland or Lumpkin because we have to
6 go around through county roads.

7 In 2017, we ran 417 calls, 53 calls were
8 beyond the work site, in that specific area. And 36 of
9 the 53 were in Stewart County. Stewart County came to
10 Preston 22 times down through the affected area.

11 I have some statistics that was given to me
12 from Stewart County EMS. They transported 132
13 patients, emergency, from Stewart County to Phoebe
14 Sumter County Hospital, 132 times for emergency
15 transports from their county down 280 to that hospital.

16 Like I said, we have a mutual aid agreement
17 with Stewart County. We have to get them to do some of
18 the calls in the affected area to cut back on delay
19 response times. We would have to pay them for every
20 one of those responses.

21 There is a fee system that we have
22 established in our mutual aid agreement. That is
23 between the Unified Government of Western County and
24 Stewart County Board of Commissioners.

25 Anybody who wants to address the fee system

1 would have to come between those two systems and GDOT.

2 Thank you. That's all I have.

3 TONY KENNEDY - 40 Cemetery Road, Preston, (10)
4 Georgia 31824; (229) 389-5775: I am Chairman of the
5 Board of Commissioners in Webster County. I want to
6 express my concerns about the bottleneck on Georgia 41
7 and U.S. 280.

8 We have a restaurant and service station,
9 grocery store on that corner and the traffic is --
10 already bottlenecked.

11 We have 18-wheelers trying to make the turn.
12 We have increased our saw mill load to 26 trucks a day.

13 Overall in a day's time, there is 300-plus
14 trucks going through 280 and 41 log trucks, chip
15 trucks, lumber trucks, commercial, over-the-road
16 trucks, mobile homes, what have you.

17 Our concern is the bottleneck created at that
18 intersection. We have seen it backed up in the
19 intersection, south on 41, passed the school, which
20 created the bottleneck at the school getting traffic in
21 and out safely in and out of school.

22 We have seen, at the same time, the
23 bottleneck headed east on 280 passed the Dollar
24 General. You have two trucks, can't make the turn at
25 the same time, and there is not enough room for one

1 truck to turn when there is another truck sitting to
2 make the turn. Quite a safety hazard.

3 And during the farming season, we have
4 tractors on that same road with 20-foot implements.
5 And the harvest season we have peanut wagons all hours
6 of the day into the night, driving that road to market.

7 It will be quite a bottleneck on that road at
8 that intersection. And basically, we have seen it shut
9 the town down at times when we have had detours.
10 That's all.

11 GEORGE MOORE - 6453 West Center Point Road, (U)
12 Richland, Georgia 31825: (229) 887-3777:

13 I am a former commissioner of Western County.
14 When I was commissioner, we had -- GDOT had a pipe blow
15 out on 520, and they had to detour traffic from
16 Richland to Preston and Preston to Western.

17 It was a total nightmare, the truck traffic.
18 We had a 90-degree turn from 280 to Georgia 41. When
19 there was two trucks that would arrive at the stop sign
20 and the detour at the same time, neither one could
21 move.

22 It backed up traffic approximately a half
23 mile. There have been numerous occasions that required
24 sheriff volunteers to man roadblocks to stop traffic
25 and let -- I don't -- to direct traffic.

1 We did that several times. But the
2 volunteers have jobs, so we had to quit doing that, and
3 GDOT couldn't do it. So we had a nightmare of a
4 situation for quite a while until they got the road
5 open.

6 At the same time, trucks would turn in
7 Western going north on 41, and their GPS inside their
8 trucks would tell them, if you turn left on Center
9 Point Road, you will get back to Richland.

10 So most of the time, car traffic and truck
11 traffic picked up because of GPS, and turned them on
12 rural county road and not state route.

13 Our county roads are not equipped for trailer
14 trucks. That's all I want to say. It will happen
15 again, and I hate to put us through that for a year.

16 My understanding is that they want to four
17 lane 280 because of the intermogal (sic) port in
18 Cordele.

19 Why don't we do four lanes, a little stretch
20 of 280 in Webster County, ahead of the game, and we
21 won't have to detour anything; looking into the future
22 is what I am trying to say. Thank you.

23 RANDY DELY - 351 Goodwin Pond Road, Weston, (12)
24 Georgia, 31832; (229) 310-1383: I am the sheriff in
25 Webster County. Last year when the DOT

1 repaved/resurfaced Highway 280, right here at the
2 corner of 41 south and 280, we would have gridlock
3 because of the log trucks.

4 They had shut down part of 280 going towards
5 the bridge while they were resurfacing. The gridlock
6 got to be so bad that traffic would be backed up on 41
7 south, three miles on 280, probably two miles, and they
8 can't make that turn.

9 It is a very sharp turn, and unless there is
10 somebody there to direct traffic, which I don't have
11 the manpower for that, it is only myself and two
12 deputies; if the trucks get up there like this, who
13 knows, at that point you have nothing but total
14 gridlock behind you. That is one problem.

15 The other problem is going to be any way you
16 look at it, any type of emergency services that I have
17 to provide for anybody on the other side of the bridge
18 work, it is going to take anywhere from five to ten
19 minutes longer as far as a response time. That's about
20 it.

21 JOHN D. BLACKSTOCK - 9616 Highway 280, 13
22 Richland, Georgia 31825; (229) 887-3828:

23 I want to let you know, I live right over
24 there -- I am old -- close to that road. I would have
25 a hard time getting out of Webster County.

1 Going out of Richland, it costs a whole lot
2 more. We have a Richland address, but we live in
3 Webster County. I heard the county commissioner say
4 300 trucks a day passing. He doesn't live out there.
5 It is more than 300 trucks passing that place.

6 If they have to turn down here at the store,
7 it will be a mess there. When you add 14 or 25 miles
8 to their time, getting to you can be life or death as
9 far as the EMS. I am against that.

10 I have seen them rebuild up in there over the
11 years. I have seen them rebuild the bridge two or
12 three times. They put a little side place there and
13 traffic stayed open except for the flood. It was
14 closed a while there.

15 It will cost a lot of money. It will cause a
16 lot trouble. There is a nursing home off of 280. A
17 lot of the workers live in Americus, and they are going
18 to have to find a way to get to the nursing home.

19 It will take them 15, 20 minutes more to get
20 there. They have to be there at 7. It will be dark.
21 And the dark roads, they are not familiar with; and
22 they are concerned about childcare, getting their kids
23 on the bus earlier and getting to work on time.

24 It will be a big problem. Half of them
25 didn't know anything about it, until I told them about

1 it.

2 You can't stop in the middle of the road and
3 read the sign for this meeting. I was told it would be
4 a few months that they would start on it, and they need
5 to be trying to find a way around the bridge.

6 LINDA BLACKSTOCK - 9616 Highway 280 East, (14)
7 Richland, Georgia 31825; (229) 887-3828:

8 These people don't maintain their road. And
9 when a tree falls in the road, they will come and push
10 it barely off the edge of the road and leave the debris
11 there.

12 We have a farm and a lot of cows. If they
13 will come and push all the trees and whatever that have
14 fallen up against our fence and leave them there.

15 Instead of hauling them away -- vines grow up
16 in the trees and go up to the fence and we have to get
17 in there and move all that stuff and haul it somewhere
18 and take it out of the way so we can get up there to
19 fix the fence.

20 I mean, sometimes you think you are going to
21 hit the trees that are in the road, like going in
22 between Preston and going over towards Americus,
23 especially in Sumter County.

24 There are a lot of hills. I notice a lot of
25 times you could be going, you are on this hill, and you

1 are trying to look ahead of you, you can't even see the
2 road because there is so many trees going out over the
3 road.

4 I like to be able to see. If there is going
5 to be a truck on the road or a wreck or something or
6 they are going to stop working on the road, you can't
7 see even a mile ahead to prepare yourself to stop.

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6 I hereby certify that the foregoing
7 deposition was reported, as stated in the
8 caption, and the questions and answers
9 thereto were reduced to the written page
10 under my direction; that the foregoing pages
11 represent a true and correct transcript of
12 the evidence given.

13 I further certify that I am not a
14 relative, attorney, or counsel of any of the
15 parties; nor am I financially interested in
16 the action.

17 This, the 29th day of March, 2018

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Meredith B. Cohen

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Hi Alex,

I concur with the detour route.

Thanks,

Prue Benson

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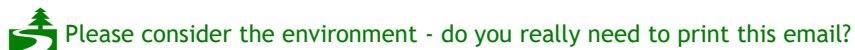
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Good Morning Prue,

I wanted to follow up on your review and concurrence of the detour route for this project. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks!

Alex



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Hey Prue,

The temporary traffic method could include traffic control with a flagman during peak travel times or school hours at the intersection of US 280 and SR 41. This is just a suggested method and the Contractor will decide on the method used during construction.

Thanks,

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Hi Alexandra,

What sort of traffic control options do you think that the contractor might use?

Thanks,

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Hey Prue,

Can you provide concurrence on the attached detour route from the approved 2018 PDOH for PI 0013611. No changes have been made to the detour route itself. The only minor change is that as a result of the FFPR, the temporary traffic signals that were planned for the intersection of US 280 and SR 41 have been replaced by temporary traffic control. The method of this traffic control will be determined by the Contractor.

Thanks!

Alex

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NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL

P. I. 0013611 WEBSTER COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this project.

The date of detour approval is: **July 23, 2021**

This project will replace two existing bridges on SR 27 over Kinchafoonee Creek and Overflow approximately 1.5 miles west of Preston. The project length is approximately 0.4 miles and begins 1.06 miles east of the intersection of SR 27 and Sears Road. The proposed bridge decks will include two 12' lanes, 8' shoulders, and 1.5' side barrier on each side. The roadway typical section is 2-12' lanes with rural shoulders that will vary in width from 8' to 10' including 2' to 6'-6" of pavement. This project would include an off-site detour signed for state routes that will be in place approximately 6 months.

The detoured section of SR 27 is approximately 8.7 miles and will be rerouted to a signed detour route utilizing SR 520 (9.3 miles) and SR 41 (9.0 miles) for motorists to reroute and continue travel on SR 27. The gross detour length is 19.3 miles and the net detour length is 9.6 miles.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

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